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Furuseh Gave His Talents to the Service of Seamen

Speaking from the experience based on a lifetime association in the organized labor movement with Andrew Furuseh, president of the International Seamen's Union of America, William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, said that the deceased labor leader had concentrated his great talents and entire life to improving the economic conditions of seamen and enlarging their legal rights. While indeed died the ability to lead the labor movement, after a long struggle against the inevitable, had entered into the sleep that knows no waking, Mr. Green declared that the death of Andrew Furuseh meant the passing of a heroic figure in the organized labor movement. Furthermore, it marked the passing of one of the best of those who really participated in the formation of the American Federation of Labor along with Mr. Gompers and his associates.

Furuseh, the Crusader for Seamen

In his "Seventy Years of Labor and Labor," Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor and its organization, bearing one year, until his death in 1924, said that the first meeting with Andrew Furuseh was on his way back to the Pacific Coast from the meeting of the International Seamen's Union in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1909. Mr. Furuseh stopped in New York to see Mr. Gompers.

"It was our first meeting," said Mr. Gompers. "Then, as ever, he was tall, stout and on fire with zeal to free the seamen who in that day were in double bondage to the tramp and the sea captain. We had a long talk and I felt drawn to the man I have to fear because of his intensity, his clearness of thinking and his stalwart character. Furuseh was a genius with extraordinary grasp of the law and the ability to make it plain to the world what the wrongs of the seamen and to secure redress for them."

Andrew Furuseh's Support of High International Labor Standards

Although the life work of Andrew Furuseh was centered on securing economic freedom for American seamen, he had an abiding interest in higher labor standards for all workers in all countries. One manifestation of this world orientation of the late president of the International Seamen's Union of America came in the form of the collaboration of the Commission on International Labor Legislation of the League of Nations which met in Paris in 1919 to frame a convention for the improvement of working conditions of seamen.

Warm Tribute Paid to Furuseh By Senator La Follette's Father

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President of International Seamen's Union Succumbs to Lung Illness in Washington; Life Was Spent Securing Liberty for Seafarers; Body Lay in State in Labor Department Auditorium; Senator La Follette Delivered Eulogy at Funeral; Green Said "Labor Loss a Rugged and Heroic Figure"; Ashes of Seamen's Emancipator Will be Scattered in the Middle of the Atlantic Ocean.

Washington, D. C.—Andrew Furuseh, president of the International Seamen's Union of America since 1908, the chief executive of American seamen, died at 83, after a long illness, at his home in Washington, D. C., Saturday, January 28, 1938.

His body lay in state in the Labor Department Auditorium, where it was open to the public from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m. on January 27.

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NOTABLES ATTEND FURUSEH'S RITES

Two Supreme Court Justices, Senators and Representatives, Among Mourners for Deceased Labor Executive in Washington; Honorary Pallbearers Included Many Government Officials, Labor Leaders and Private Citizens.

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Work of Andrew Furuseh for Seamen's Emancipation Praised by the A. F. of L.

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